



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:)
SANDERS, JOHN L. et al.)
Serial No.: 10/708,614) Examiner: PEZZUTO, Helen Lee
Filed: March 15, 2004) Group Art Unit 1754
ANIONIC POLYMERS COMPOSED OF)
DICARBOXYLIC ACIDS AND USES THEREOF)

Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

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Specialty Fertilizer Products, LLC of 134 Cherry Hill Drive, Belton, Missouri 64012 (hereinafter "Specialty") is the owner by assignment of a partial interest in the above-referenced application. The undersigned, John Hardy, is the Vice-President of Specialty and has the authority to sign on behalf of Specialty.

An assignment of the above-referenced application from the inventors, GRIGORY MAZO, and JACOB MAZO to Specialty is attached hereto.

Specialty hereby appoints the attorneys and agents of Hovey Williams LLP, associated with Customer Number:

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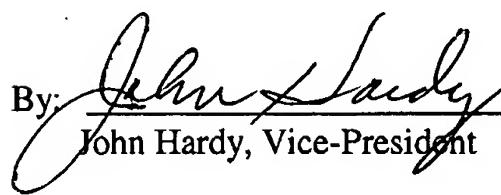
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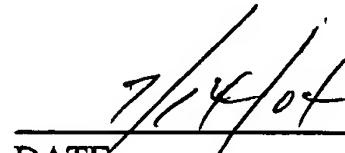
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SPECIALTY FERTILIZER PRODUCTS, LLC

By:


John Hardy, Vice-President


DATE

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, We, **GRIGORY MAZO** of 1327 Central Avenue, Wilmette, Illinois 60091-2512 and **JACOB MAZO** of 1327 Central Avenue, Wilmette, Illinois 60091-2512 have invented, with John Larry Sanders, certain new and useful improvements in a

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for which an application for Letters Patent of the United States has been filed, said application being identified as follows: Serial No. 10/708,614 filed March 15, 2004; and

WHEREAS, **SPECIALTY FERTILIZER PRODUCTS, LLC**, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Missouri and having its principal place of business at 134 Cherry Hill Drive, Belton, Missouri 64012, is desirous of acquiring an interest in, to and under said invention, said application and any and all Letters Patent which may be granted for or upon said invention in the United States of America and all countries foreign thereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, to all whom it may concern be it known that for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, we, **GRIGORY MAZO** and **JACOB MAZO**, as co-inventor(s), have sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto said **SPECIALTY FERTILIZER PRODUCTS, LLC** our full and exclusive right, title and interest, throughout the world, in, to and under the following:

- (a) said invention as fully set forth and described in said application;
- (b) said application;
- (c) any and all refilings, divisions, and continuations of said application;

- (d) any and all Letters Patent of the United States of America which may issue from said application, refilings, divisions and continuations;
- (e) any and all reissues of said Letters Patent of the United States of America;
- (f) any and all applications for Letters Patent upon said invention which have heretofore been filed or may hereafter be filed in any and all countries foreign to the United States of America, together with all rights to file and to claim priority in connection with said foreign-filed applications;
- (g) any and all refilings, divisions and continuations of said foreign-filed applications;
- (h) any and all Letters Patent of countries foreign to the United States of America which may issue from the said foreign-filed applications, refilings, divisions and continuations; and
- (i) any and all extensions of, and additions to, said Letters Patent of countries foreign to the United States of America.

ALL of our interests in the above shall be solely held and enjoyed by said **SPECIALTY FERTILIZER PRODUCTS, LLC** for its own use and behoof, and for its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted, and we do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said Letters Patent in accordance with this Assignment.

Date: 6/15/04

Grigory Mazo
GRIGORY MAZO

STATE OF Illinois)
County of Cook) ss.
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On this 15th day of June, 2004, before me personally appeared **GRIGORY MAZO**, to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and who duly acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

My Commission expires:

June 30, 2007

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Notary Public

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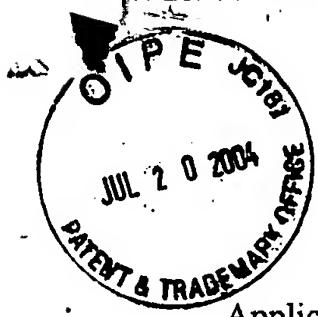
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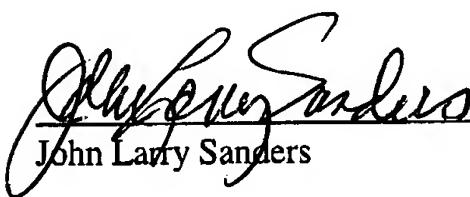
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